

Ephraim Fitz-Randolph House

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Newtown  
Piscataway Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Owner: Roy W. Gates

Date of Erection: 1825

Architect:

Builder: Ephraim Randolph

Present Condition: Good, few changes have been made

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - fieldstone

Exterior walls - frame  
construction, siding;  
brick filled between  
studs

Interior walls - plaster,  
den first floor and one  
bedroom on the second  
floor finished with pecky  
cypress; kitchen and  
bedroom ceiling and bath-  
room wall above tile  
finished with knotty  
cypress

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel on main,  
pitch on lower section

## Historical Data:

The first Randolph was Benjamin F., originally Fitz-Randolph, who was born in England, and emigrated to this country about 1684. His son, Moleson, was the progenitor of the Randolph family in Middlesex County. The builder of the house, Ephraim, was the son of Reune Randolph, a son of Moleson, who married Miss Elizabeth Randolph in 1770. Ephraim was the second son born in 1786. In 1813 Reune conveyed a tract of forty-nine acres to Ephraim which is described as "part of the plantation where I now live." Staats F. Randolph purchased this property from the estate of his father in 1858. The next owner was Staats R. Titsworth who obtained title in 1892. In 1896 Calvin Boice acquired possession. The next owner was Frederick Boice in 1907. The present owner purchased the property in 1925.

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